



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
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RE: MUR 6982  
Hillary for America  
Jose H. Villarreal, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Elias:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that your clients, Hillary for America and Jose H. Villarreal, in his official capacity as treasurer, may have violated sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 6982. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The complaint was not sent to you earlier due to administrative oversight. Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against your clients, Hillary for America and Jose H. Villarreal, in his official capacity as treasurer, in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the Office of the General Counsel, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109 (a)(4)(B) and § 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.<sup>1</sup>

Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records and materials relating to the subject matter of the complaint until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

<sup>1</sup> The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).

Any correspondence sent to the Commission must be addressed to one of the following (note, if submitting via email, this Office will provide an electronic receipt by email):

Mail

OR


Email

Federal Election Commission  
Office of Complaints Examination and  
Legal Administration  
Attn: Mary Beth deBeau, Paralegal  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20436

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If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth deBeau, the paralegal assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Jordan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Jordan  
Assistant General Counsel  
Complaints Examination &  
Legal Administration